Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the Claims will replace all prior listings and versions of the Claims in the application.

1 (currently amended) An article for smoking an elongate tobacco product consisting ~~essentially~~ of a mouthpiece and a holder each of which consists of a single piece of molded plastic, and two resilient rings [:],

a) wherein[a] the mouthpiece has~~ving~~ an inside surface and an outside surface, ~~comprising~~ and ~~of~~ a first end defining a receptacle therein and a second end ~~comprising~~having an outside surface capable of being grasped in a smoker's mouth and defining an outlet chamber within the mouthpiece~~, wherein said mouthpiece consists of a single piece of molded plastic~~ ;

b) ~~a holder~~ wherein[,] the holder ~~being~~ is directly inserted into the receptacle in the mouthpiece, the holder having the following molded features~~consisting essentially~~ of:

i) a first section disposed at an end of the holder defining an inside chamber capable of holding the elongate tobacco product in place and allowing a volume for collection of combustion products therein, the first section having an outside surface with a diameter too large to fit into the receptacle in the mouth piece,

ii) a second section in series with the first section and having an inside and an outside surface, the second section contoured to fit into the receptacle in the mouthpiece and defining a continuation of the inside chamber,

iii) a first annular support and a second annular support molded on the outside surface of the second section, each annular support being capable of holding [a] one of the resilient rings thereon, and

iv) an annular baffle molded on the outside surface of the second section between the first annular support and the second annular support;

c) ~~two resilient rings,~~ wherein one resilient ring is supported on each annular support, ~~wherein~~ and the mouthpiece and the holder are contoured such that when the holder is inserted into the mouthpiece the two resilient rings are in snug contact with the inner surface of the mouthpiece forming a sealed chamber between them in the annular space between the outside surface of the second section and the inside surface of the mouthpiece, and wherein the holder defines two restricted passages from the inside chamber to the sealed chamber, said two restricted passages being directed towards the inside surface of the mouthpiece between the two annular supports, and wherein the holder further defines an exit passage having two inlets between the baffle and the second annular support and an exit into the outlet chamber of the mouthpiece;

~~d) wherein the holder consists of a single piece of molded plastic~~ and

d) wherein said holder also has a barrier molded in series with the inside chamber such that combustion products can only pass between the inside chamber and the outlet chamber through a path through the two restricted passages, the sealed chamber and the exit passage in sequence.

12 (cancelled)

13 (original) The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a cigarette of the type without an integral filter.

4 (original)The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a cigarette with an integral filter.

5 (original)The article of claim 1 wherein the elongate tobacco product is a cigar.

6 (previously presented)The article of claim 1 wherein the resilient rings are o-rings.

7 (original) The article of claim 6 wherein the mouthpiece comprises polystyrene, the holder comprises Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene, and the resilient rings are rubber o-rings.

8 (previously presented) The article of claim 6 wherein the holder has symmetry about a central plane, wherein any cross section perpendicular to the central plane is circular.

9 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the at least one restricted passage is perpendicular to the central plane of symmetry whereby combustion products are made to change direction by approximately 90 degrees in passing between the second inside chamber and the sealed chamber.

10 (cancelled)

11 (original) The article of claim 8 wherein the exit passage causes a change in direction, whereby combustion products are made to change direction by approximately 90 degrees in passing between the sealed chamber and the outlet chamber.

12 (Cancelled)

13 (Cancelled).

14- 18 (Cancelled)